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FEBRUARY 1, 1825.

Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the *bill granting certain public lots to the Cities of Pensacola and St Augustine.*

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## A BILL

*To grant a certain quantity of land to the state of Illinois, for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of the Illinois river with those of Lake Michigan.*

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2      *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3      *there be, and are hereby, granted to the state of Illinois, for*  
4      *the purpose of aiding the said state in opening a canal to unite*  
5      *the waters of the Illinois river with those of lake Michigan,*  
6      *the four nearest sections of land to the said canal, embracing*  
7      *the land on both sides thereof, from one end of the said canal*  
8      *to the other; and the said land shall be subject to the disposal*  
9      *of the Legislature of said state, for the purpose aforesaid and*  
10     *no other.*

1      SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, so soon as the*  
2      *route of the said canal shall be located and agreed on by the*  
3      *said state, it shall be the duty of the Governor thereof, or such*  
4      *other person or persons as may have been, or shall hereafter*

5 be, authorized to superintend the construction of said canal,  
6 to examine and ascertain the particular sections to which the  
7 said state will be entitled under the provisions of this act, and  
8 report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury of the  
9 United States.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said state,  
2 under the authority of the Legislature thereof, after the selec-  
3 tion shall have been so made, shall have power to sell and con-  
4 vey the whole, or any part of the said land, and to give a  
5 title, in fee simple, therefor, to whomsoever shall purchase  
5 the whole or any part thereof.